

Appl. No. : 10/078,282
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On March 14, 2002, Applicant filed a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment that claimed priority by reciting the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional and claims priority from U.S. Application No. 09/991,378, filed November 21, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/769,947, filed December 12, 1996, now abandoned, which was a continuation-in-part of both U.S. application No. 08/238,750, filed May 5, 1994, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,835,255, and U.S. application No. 08/554,630, filed Nov. 6, 1995, now abandoned (both incorporated herein by reference).¹

The priority claim from the March 14, 2002 Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is currently pending in the above-referenced application.

With the instant Supplemental Amendment, Applicant wishes to amend the above priority claim to effectively delete any claim of priority to U.S. Application No. 08/238,750 and U.S. Application No. 08/554,630. With this amendment to the priority claim, a patent term of any patent issued from the above referenced application is extended pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154. Applicant continues, however, to incorporate by reference these two Applications.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See March 14, 2002 Supplemental Preliminary Amendment at page 1 (the pertinent page is attached herewith as Exhibit A).